

# 1970 District Calendar

## JANUARY

15-16 WMC Heartline Tour  
 23-24 District Presbytery  
 26-Feb. 2 CA Reps Conference - Vacaville  
 M.F. Light-for-the-Lost Rallies

## FEBRUARY

2 M.F. Light-for-the-Lost Rally  
 5-6 Ch. Ed. Sunday School Reps Conference  
 6-7 Youth Leaders Conference - Lodi  
 27-28 M.F. Action Crusade - Stockton

## MARCH

2-5 DISTRICT COUNCIL Convention - Sacramento  
 2 M.F. Victory Banquet  
 3 WMC Day  
 3 Friends-of-Youth Banquet  
 3 Youth Rally  
 4 WMC Luncheon  
 4 Ch. Ed. emphasis  
 5 Ordination Service  
 20-21 Christian Educator's Convention  
 23-28 YMM Invasion - Sunnyvale Area  
 23-25 Missionettes Hideaway - Richardson Springs

## APRIL

16 Sectional Directors Seminar WMC  
 24-25 Sunday School Leadership Seminar - Manteca

## MAY

8-10 WMC Mother-Daughter Banquets  
 15 M.F. Days of Refreshing - Richardson Springs  
 16 Galarama - Oakland  
 16 Galarama - Sacramento

## JUNE

6 District Bible Quiz - El Sobrante  
 7 Camp Enlistment Day  
 18-20 Royal Rangers "Camporees"  
 22-27 Domestic YMM Invasion  
 26-July 5 Bethany Park Family Camp  
 30 YMM Departure

## JULY

6-11 Lake Tahoe Boys & Girls Camp  
 6-11 Mt. Lassen Senior High Camp  
 8-19 Redwood Adult Camp  
 13-18 Mt. Lassen Boys & Girls Camp  
 20-25 Mt. Lassen Junior High Camp  
 20-25 Bethany Park C.A. Camp  
 20-26 Redwood Boys & Girls Camp  
 27-Aug. 1 Bethany Park Boys & Girls Camp

## AUGUST

3-8 Silver Spur Boys & Girls Camp  
 3-8 Old Oak Ranch Senior High Camp  
 10-13 WMC Summer Retreat

## SEPTEMBER

16-18 Ministers Institute - North Area  
 22-24 Ministers Institute - South Area

## OCTOBER

3 Y Convention - Sacramento  
 9-10 M.F. Convention - Oakland  
 12-16 Planning Council  
 19-26 Regional S. S. Conventions  
 20-23 WMC Fall Retreat - Richardson Springs

## NOVEMBER

2-30 WMC Home Missions Rallies  
 26-28 Speed-the-Light Tours  
 C.A. Convention

## DECEMBER

1-7 WMC Christmas Parties  
 26-31 Speed-the-Light Tour cont.  
 Christmas YMM Invasion

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JANUARY 1970

**CLAD Tidings**

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 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA DISTRICT

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# HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONS

RUBEN A. WILSON  
Director of  
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# Teach Doctrine

by DONALD A. CALVIN  
Arlington, Virginia

## JIM AND CHARLOTTE GRAMS

... from Brazil report that 25 students graduated from the Bible school in Pindamonhangaba the last of October. In November relatives made it possible for Charlotte and the children to fly to Los Angeles and Jim went to South Africa for a number of special services and to visit his brother Mel in Rustenburg. In January, February and March, Jim will visit many churches in Brazil. He will hold Bible studies and evangelistic campaigns.

## LLOYD PERERA

... from Ceylon participated in the sectional Contra Costa missionary convention in November. He has been participating in conventions in Washington, Oregon and Arizona but anticipates ministering in this District again in March, April and May. He may be contacted at P.O. Box 72, Mt. Eden, California 94557.

## MEMORIAL CHURCH STARTED

A letter from Ovid and Helen Dillingham dated in November gives the good news that ground has been broken for the Memorial church and the first layer of the foundation was laid.

One of the highlights of their ministry this past year was a baptismal service in which each of the nine candidates was blessed by the power of the Holy Spirit as they put their feet into the water. It was a glorious service.

## E. C. LAGMAY

Filipino Evangelist-Missionary, has returned from a period of Overseas Evangelism in the Philippines. He has had over 34 years of experience in the evangelistic field in the United States, Canada and the Philippines. He may be reached for missionary conventions or evangelistic services at 5294 Concord Blvd., Concord, California 94521. Dial 415-685-0631.

## ELMER BUENO

... writes from El Salvador, "The television ministry here has been greater than we had in Costa Rica. We received a No. 1 rating in a recent census." Responses to their ministry have been very gratifying. They have ministered in organized churches of various denominations, army bases, evening concerts, prayer meetings and schools. They will remain in El Salvador for about 2 more months and then to Panama.

## JIMMIE & YANNA ZACHARIOU

... have had a very busy year since they arrived in Athens, Greece about one year ago. Yanna does much translating of letters and books. Jimmie is assistant to the pastor and church presbyter as well as giving Bible studies and evangelizing. Their Bible School is not operating as yet as the government requires more facilities in the present building. They need dormitories, classrooms and a chapel.

**W**E LIVE IN AN AGE WHEN THE teaching and preaching of doctrine have never been so important. Sound doctrine is a rock, a foundation upon which to stand. It establishes a believer or a church.

For approximately two years I taught a doctrines class in one of our churches in Southern California. I gave midterm exams with courses running six months each.

I used a blackboard and every available type of training aid. One point of doctrine was covered each Sunday.

The text was P. C. Nelson's *Bible Doctrines*. A copy of the Statement of Fundamental Truths (Gospel Publishing House) was given to each student.

Students were generally new converts. Mature Christians could join if they wanted refresher studies. The minimum number to begin each class was 10.

These results emerged from the studies:

1. Believers were grounded in the Word. This was especially important for the new convert. All went on to make further "discoveries" as to exactly what their church believes.

2. Hidden unclean habits were revealed. We found that doctrine is the best revealer of the heart of man. Believers would leave that class determined to find a closer walk with God.

3. Spiritually weak believers were strengthened; they became more loyal to the church and more faithful in attending services.

4. Students left the class with the ability to serve as teachers. Those who

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**SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR** ... Due to circumstances beyond our control, there have been some problems in getting this issue of the Glad Tidings Magazine compiled. Mrs. Ruby Edgar, who was assisting with this duty (in the absence of the Editors who were in Europe) was involved in a serious automobile accident November 8th. She is recovering satisfactorily but is unable to return to work for several weeks. Please be patient with us for this time — and too, **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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## ADMINISTRATIVELY SPEAKING

JOSEPH L. GERHART  
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### Radio In House— Family Listens in Car

Lack of a radio in the home did not prevent Nyack Missionary College student Paul Scrimgeour's family from listening to Revivaltime: *"Revivaltime is one of the finest programs on the radio today. Our family, a number of years ago, could get into the car and listen to Revivaltime as we did not have a radio in our home. There was a hunger which could only be met by listening to Revivaltime."*

### Cigarette Habit Broken . . .

Through inspiration received from Revivaltime A. G. Moore of Fresno, was able to break a habit which had bound him for sixty years:

*"On November 18, 1967, I was listening to Revivaltime, and Brother Ward said that there were people in the radio audience who wanted to give up the cigarette habit. He said that the Lord would help them break the habit. At that time I laid my cigarettes down, and I haven't touched a cigarette in almost two years since then."*

### Teen-Ager Healed at Radio Altar

A teen-ager from Pittsfield, Massachusetts knelt in faith at Revivaltime's radio altar:

*"My son David, 15 years old, received healing of a skin infection one Sunday when Brother Ward said, 'There is someone in the radio audience with a skin infection.' David knelt by the radio. Praise God! The skin irritation disappeared during the night."*

### Blind—But Busy for Jesus

A blind man from Kansas City, loves Revivaltime literature in appreciation to those who help him:

*"Please send me a sample copy of 'In The Beginning God...' and information about prices of additional copies. As a recipient of Aid to the Blind, my income is limited, but the opportunities for distribution are tremendous. Through this means I can give spiritual assistance to those who offer me physical assistance...on the street...in the restaurant."*

Continue to support REVIVALTIME'S worldwide radio ministry!

## THIS MATTER OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Fred Smolchuck

Michigan District, secretary-treasurer

A great many other church organizations and missionary societies insist that they cannot function with less than 15-35 percent of their receipts used for efficient operational costs. Secular organizations go even higher. But the Assemblies of God headquarters and all of its departments as well as district programs, have been operating on austere and limited administrative budgets.

### Impaired Efficiency

It is possible to jeopardize the purpose for which God has called us by undercutting administrative expenses; the success of our world outreach can be seriously warped. A skimpy support impairs the efficiency of any dedicated effort.

The church is in an extremely competitive world. Present-day salaries, office supplies, promotional costs, communications, maintenance, depreciation and replacement of equipment, travel, housing, etc., require much more to maintain the present level of operation than the five percent administrative costs of a few years ago.

Any enlargement or expansion of services immediately requires additional funds and personnel, generally in proportion to the growth. Often General Council and district departments are hindered in their growth, development, and service because of a lack of interest and support. The dedicated talents of persons appointed to do a job are too often restricted and discouraged.

Gone are the days when second-hand equipment, orange crates, and boxes can be used as office furniture. The volume of contact and requests for services from the field, plus the flow of materials and helps to the constituency and to those outside the church, demand the best, the most sophisticated modern equipment. More and more departments of ministry require full-time administrators, field men, writers, artists, secretaries, and specialists.

We must do our best for God—especially now!

### Limitless Outreach

The integrity of the Assemblies of God is no more clearly in focus than in handling contributions. All gifts are carefully recorded and disbursed according to the wishes of the donor. Our method of appeals for our world ministries—including home and foreign missions, education, benevolences, Christ's Ambassadors, Men's Fellowship, radio, WMC, expansion funds, district ministries, etc.—is such that most contributions are designated funds, and that leaves very little for administrative expenses.

More and more it becomes necessary for churches and individual donors to keep in mind the increased administrative costs, so that along with designated contributions they include an additional amount for "operation." World Ministries credit is also given for undesignated gifts.

To handle the increasing involvements of keeping an Assemblies of God missionary family of over 900 on the foreign field and several hundred appointed home missionaries in their respective ministries, as well as to provide a multitude of services and to produce millions of pieces of literature requires the dedicated ministries of hundreds of persons in district and national offices. Thus administrative costs are a must. These can be met only as more concern and interest are evidenced to meet this urgent need.

### This is Our Hour

This may be the world's final hour and the last opportunity for the church to "thrust in the sickle." It will require dedication, concerted efforts, total involvement, and commitment. To see revival in this hour demands our best and our all—given completely to God.

Only with your regular monthly support of both Assemblies of God headquarters and your district office will it be possible to put forth the maximum effort needed to fulfill our Movement's role to reach a dying world.





N DISCOVERING AND

TRAINING LEADERS



FOR THE MINISTRY



PART II of three parts by  
**CORDAS C. BURNETT**, President  
Bethany Bible College  
*Delivered at '69 Minister's Institutes*

Secondly, may I remind you that, although probably it is almost incomprehensible, the day of a surplus of ministers in the Assemblies of God is fast drawing to a close. There was a day in our church when young people, filled with the Holy Ghost and a Bible under their arms, went forth to preach. They may not have been preaching with all the sophistication of Hermeneutics and Homiletics but preach they did—in store fronts, basements, campmeetings, street corners, grapearbons—anywhere they had opportunity to speak—proclaiming boldly and positively the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. There seemed to be an inexhaustible supply of dedicated men and women whose first task was to preach His Word.

Times have changed—and although it may be pointed out that there still is a surplus of men for the pulpit in some sections of our land, we are fast approaching the day when pulpits can no longer be filled. At this General Council a resolution was passed which called attention to the possibility of reviving the old-fashioned circuit as a means of covering some of our smaller churches. This seemed rather traumatic in view of the history we have had in the past.

The latest survey of the ministerial resources of the Assemblies of God (May 1965, and the facts are no more encouraging now) indicated that 60% of our Assemblies of God ministers were 46 years of age and older. The largest age group of 1500 was between 51 and 55. There were only 657 out of 10,500 ordained men who were under 30 years of age. This is a rather frightening indictment for a church that once prided itself in being a movement of young people.

The men now between 31 and 50 will not greatly enhance their number. Our only hope to increase ministerial candidacy lies with the younger generation coming up and here we likewise seem to be failing. There are not enough ministerial candidates (juniors and seniors) in our colleges to replace the number who are dying, retiring, or leaving the ministry for one reason or another. To even hold the status quo we will have to double our number of men between the ages of 20 and 35—a feat which, at the present time, does not seem possible. The average net growth of ordained ministers from 1965-67 was only 35 and licensed members in the same period of time indicated a net loss of 7. During the same two years we had a net increase of approximately 27 churches. We are barely keeping even here.

I hear someone say—but look at California. We have several hundred more preachers than we do churches. And I repeat, this is true. There is something about California with its oceans and deserts, hills and valleys, fog and redwoods, that draws and holds men. But, the fact of our possible overage only sets out in dark contrast the overwhelming shortage in other areas—and perhaps condemns us the more for not effecting a better distribution of men than our number would indicate.

I have said all this to come to the truth of our assigned subject—securing and developing of ministers. And now, once again, will you permit a negative thrust for a brief moment. There are many negative factors that influence the declining volunteer rate for the Christian ministry. To endeavor to trim all these to two must seem, surely, presumptuous and yet I shall endeavor to do just that.

The first, for our purposes here at least, has to do with the general materialistic monster we are living with today. It shows its fangs in at least two places, the search for status and recognition and the desire for financial and material security. Young people today, unless immediately motivated by a strong dedication and devotion to our Lord which grips and holds them from an early age, are coming under the influence of the status seekers and money makers. Everything is measured in terms of where will it take me and what will I get. After already being faced with implied innuendos in this direction in the home where the presence of plenty, or the lack of plenty, has taken its toll, the young men or women of our churches are then thrown under the aegis and influence of the academic counselor in high school who knows little, if anything, of the will and call of God. His whole outlook is to direct the graduate into the field “for which he is best suited” or to a plateau from which he can launch his upward flight to status security and material satisfaction. And if this is not enough to turn them aside from following the call of God often time pastors, more interested in building a church full of successful financially secure members, lends his influence to a direction away from the Will of God—not only passively but often time positively decrying the privilege of serving the Lord and His cause.

The other factor which plays such a negative part in the drama of life for our young people is closely connected to that already listed but true enough in its own sphere to merit specific consideration. The time was when our young people, bubbling over with the Holy Ghost, seeing the overall lostness of a sin-cursed, hell-bound world, threw themselves across an altar of dedication and groaned out their cry, “Lord where do you want me to go?” The tragedy today is simply that in too few of our churches do we hear that prayer. Consecration has been downgraded. Messages on dedication to the sovereign will of God are too often left out of our repertoire of sermons because they are not, according to some, relevant to our day. Instead, greater aspiration for business, medicine, law, education, and other perfectly normal pursuits are influenced and encouraged. The altar has been traded for a seat where the so-called ‘action’ is—decisions are made not in the light of eternal never-changing destinies but in terms of today and tomorrow and not of eternity. There was a time when no young man or young woman dared to plan his future until first of all he had settled the ‘where’ question with God. Would God we could kindle afresh this fire of devotion and passion again.

[TO BE CONCLUDED NEXT MONTH]



It was a dark Saturday evening as I carefully made my way to the door of a trailer home. Upon knocking, the door was opened by a man who was barely discernable in the dim interior.

On announcing that I was the pastor from the local Assembly of God, immediately a hand shot out to mine with the statement, "Pastor, am I glad to see you; I have been thinking of you all day." With that I was literally pulled into the room.

After being seated, my eyes became adjusted to the dim light. I was able to see the face of a man who had called me some months earlier, asking about our services. At the same time I had asked for his name, address and phone number to add to our mailing list, with the statement that we would send the bulletin and visit as soon as possible.

Due to circumstances I was not able to visit that person, and the only contact we had was through our bulletin each week for several months. During that time I was moved to write the pastor's message relative to salvation and Christian commitment.

The man who sat across from me was about 45 years old, and he was fondling one of our bulletins. Upon remarking that I was glad he was receiving them, he stated that he read each one carefully. At this point his brother interjected that he had been waiting for me to come all day, and seemed very despondent.

He immediately asked about salvation and being saved, of which I had written in the bulletin. Needless to say, I was able to show him his need of Christ, and was able to lead him to the Lord that night.

There were several factors entering into this incident. Our bulletin does go into a number of unsaved homes, and it was the Holy Spirit's leading to write a message for sinners. We cannot underestimate the influence of the written word upon the minds of men as they read. The most important thing was that as I sat in my study that evening, the Holy Spirit prompted me to go immediately to visit that man. Although it was late, the Holy Spirit urged me to go and minister to a soul in dire need.

Looking back, I have been asked many times, "What is the worth of a bulletin in our little assembly?" Before going any further let me clarify that the bulletin itself did not save that man, but was only another means of communication that had to be acted upon. In this case it held out hope and only became real to the man because we obeyed the Holy Spirit's prompting and went personally with the message of salvation.

# The Worth of a CHURCH BULLETIN

By Pastor Samuel R. Hiscock

Assembly of God, Malone, N.Y. [Beacon]

"What is the worth of a bulletin?" you ask. It is a valuable tool and an asset to any busy pastor in keeping in touch and conveying a message to both member and stranger alike. You say, "But I only have such a small assembly, with only a handful of people." Then send out a handful of bulletins prayerfully, and God will bless your efforts no matter how small. We started with only twelve.

If one soul can be touched, or your congregation, big or small, be encouraged by a message from the pastor in the middle of the week, it is worth it. Your bulletin with an appropriate tract inserted from time to time will find its way and be read in the homes of the unsaved.

Let me briefly describe our bulletin which my wife and I prepare each Monday evening. It has on page one a simple live drawing of our small assembly, with pastor's name and church address. On the second page is a message written by the pastor, titled "From the Pastor's Study."

Page three is "Our Prayer Requests", in which we list the problems and names of persons needing prayer. It encourages the people to see their requests brought before the assembly. Also, we exhort to pray for one another. Then there is "The Church Thankful" in which is listed testimony of answered prayers. Included on page three is any special announcement or some worthy news item concerning the assembly. Lastly, on page four is the listing of services, with space for name, address and stamp for mailing.

There are many and varied ways of

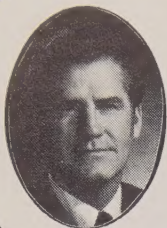
producing a bulletin, from typewriter to an offset press. Using whatever is available, whatever is produced is then limited only by the scope and imagination of the pastor.

"What is the worth of a bulletin?" It is not just the expenditure in so many dollars and cents, or stamps, but it could be worth one soul.

*Editor's Note:* A few months ago Pastor Hiscock was facing a crisis at Malone. Despite the efforts put forth, it seemed that the results were meager and the response in the community was practically nil. He had to support himself through secular employment and was living across the border in Canada. This meant that he was limited mainly to Sunday ministry. The Lord began to deal with his heart and he was impressed with the thought that if a witness went forth in the community he would have to be the instrument in God's hands. He could not expect others to do what he was not doing, so he dedicated himself to greater effort. Since that decision was made the results have been amazing. In a recent letter he stated that there are now thirty people from the local community who are attending.

Perhaps the answer to many other situations that seem hopeless lies in the prayer the Master of souls suggested when He said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2). If we pray such a prayer we could be part of the answer to it.





## THE ASSEMBLY MEN AT WORK

JOE D. WRIGHT  
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### SIX GREAT "LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST" RALLIES

With Missionary  
WILLARD CANTELON

January 26 — Roseville — First Assembly — 7 pm  
January 27 — Modesto — Calvary Temple — 7 pm  
January 29 — Oakland — First Assembly — 7 pm  
January 30 — San Jose — Bethel — 7:30 pm  
January 31 — Santa Rosa — First Assembly — 7 pm  
February 2 — Eureka — First Assembly — 7 pm

### LIGHT FOR THE LOST VICTORY BANQUET FEATURES P. E. FINKENBINDER AS SPEAKER

A lifelong Assemblies of God missionary with a mass communications ministry extending over a continent will be the guest speaker at the Light for the Lost Victory Banquet on March 2nd at the Holiday Inn in Stockton, California.

The Rev. Paul E. Finkenbinder, known to his listeners as "Hermano Pablo," founded LARE in 1955 in the basement of his home.

The five-minute Gospel broadcast—"Un Mensja a la Conciencia"—is aired 250 times a day in 21 Latin

countries. Mr. Finkenbinder estimates his listening audience potentially at 70 million.

LARE also produces color television films. Out of a planned series of 13 films, five have been completed. Latest one out (in color) is the Old Testament account of Queen Esther—titled "Mordecai's Noose."

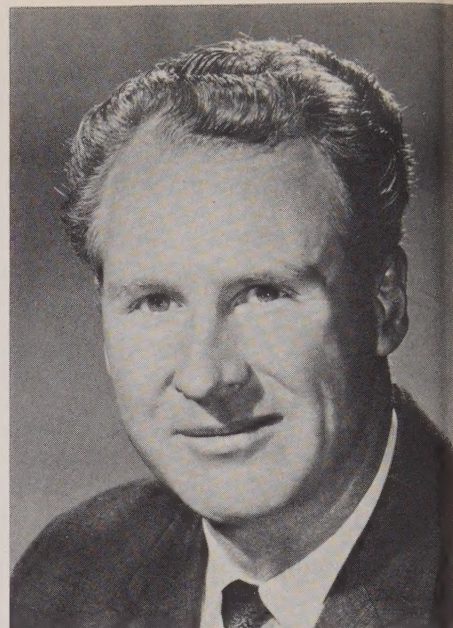
Another key LARE ministry is administering Bible Studies by correspondence school for interested listeners who write for them.

Mr. Finkenbinder was born and raised in Puerto Rico where his parents were missionaries. He learned Spanish even before English. Many U.S. evangelical missions executives feel his fluency has stood him in good stead throughout Latin America. His missionary experiences have included pioneering Christian churches in previously unreached areas of El Salvador, traveling by mule and sleeping in a hammock at night.

During his first term in El Salvador, Mr. Finkenbinder organized units of the Assemblies of God worldwide youth organization—Christ's Ambassadors or CA's. He also taught in the Assemblies' ministerial training school for nationals in San Salvador. You can make reservations to attend this banquet by sending \$5 for your tickets to M.F. Department, P.O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, Ca. Attendance by ticket only and we are limited to 500 tickets.



Rev. Paul E. Finkenbinder



REV. WILLARD CANTELON

### Royal Rangers—Bicycle Races

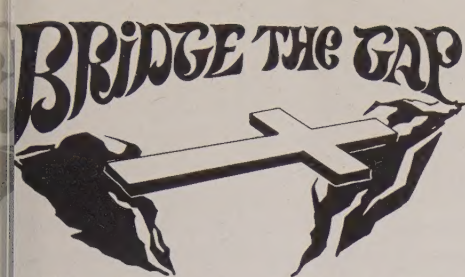
The Peninsula Section held their first Royal Ranger "Bicycle Races" in November. The boys were very enthusiastic and a real spirit of competition prevailed among the Rangers present. The presentation of ribbons went to the following winners:

Buck-A-Roos: Bret Williams, Outpost No. 100; Pioneers: Andy Dreifort, Outpost No. 100; Trailblazers: Tim Malkemus, Outpost No. 103; Air-Sea Ranger: David Barker, Jr., Outpost No. 116.



**DISTRICT ACTION CRUSADE** will be held this year at Eastside Assembly in Stockton, California, on February 27 and 28. Our instructor will be Mr. J. P. Jones, National Chairman of Action Crusades. Let us encourage all Assembliesmen who find it possible to attend these training and witnessing sessions.





## WOMENS MISSIONARY COUNCIL

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The theme for National WMC Day, February 22, 1970, is BRIDGE THE GAP. This special day will be observed in churches throughout the United States.

The February, 1970, issue of ADVANCE will carry a poster and preview of the program. Pastors will pass this information on to their local WMC presidents. The presidents will also receive a letter of instruction and sample program materials from the National WMC Department early in January. Any president not receiving this material may request it from the national department. An order form for supplies will be found in the program guide printed in the February ADVANCE (which arrives at the pastor's desk about January 1.)

Contributions received on this day supply the major part of the support of the WMC, Y, and Missionettes ministries. This makes possible the continuance of providing free materials and services to district, sectional, and local leaders as well as to home and foreign missions and benevolent institutions.

Pray that once again God's blessing will rest upon local WMC Day services across the nation.

### THE FUTURE IS TOMORROW

AN ESSAY BY MISS WANDA GIBSON—MISS "Y" FOR 1970

In the beginning God . . . In the beginning God created . . . And our beginning was created by God. And we were created for a purpose.

Where were you in 1872? Where will you be tomorrow? Tomorrow is our future. What we, you and I, do with it is completely up to us. Tomorrow is our future. Yesterday is gone. Soon tomorrow will be gone. What will we as Christians do with our lives? Is the future really ours? And how can we as individuals be certain we will have a future?

Life is now lived at an exceedingly fast pace. Violence and death are nothing unexpected. Individuals are abused and slaughtered; a whole nation can be wiped out by one bomb. What is life anyway and how can we be so sure we will be here tomorrow? Too often "tomorrow," "next week," and "next month" are taken for granted. "I'll do it tomorrow." The familiar phrase that has certainly been spoken by many of us at one time or another. As one character in the popular

play, *The Music Man* said, "pile up a bunch of tomorrows and you'll find you'll end up with a lot of empty yesterdays." These words are so very true. What is a future if we don't use it now? Empty?? The future is ours because of what we do with it now. We must live to the fullest of God's plan for us as individuals. Not by saying, "I will do," or "I did," but by doing His will and works for our lives now. The future is ours because through a day by day walk with God we can claim each day not for ourselves but for God; awakening with the thought, what can I do for my neighbor, my friends, my pastor, my country . . . for God? What we do today will reflect what happens tomorrow and the many more to come. God has not definitely said "I promise you a tomorrow," but when this physical life is ended our tomorrow with Christ will begin . . . for eternity. The future is ours only because we live in the complete grace and will of God today.

### SACRAMENTO "Y" CONVENTION REPORT

Our "Y" Convention in Sacramento, California, was a tremendous success with several decisions for Christ. \$645.00 was raised for the Indian Bible School Choir Robes.

Left: Miss Wanda Gibson  
Judged Miss "Y" for  
1970

Below: The Queen and her court for 1970. L-R, Mr. Larry Krake, Miss Carolyn Hankin, Miss "Y", Wanda Gibson, Mr. Roger Flessing, Miss Wendy Stoker, and Mr. Steve Schuckman



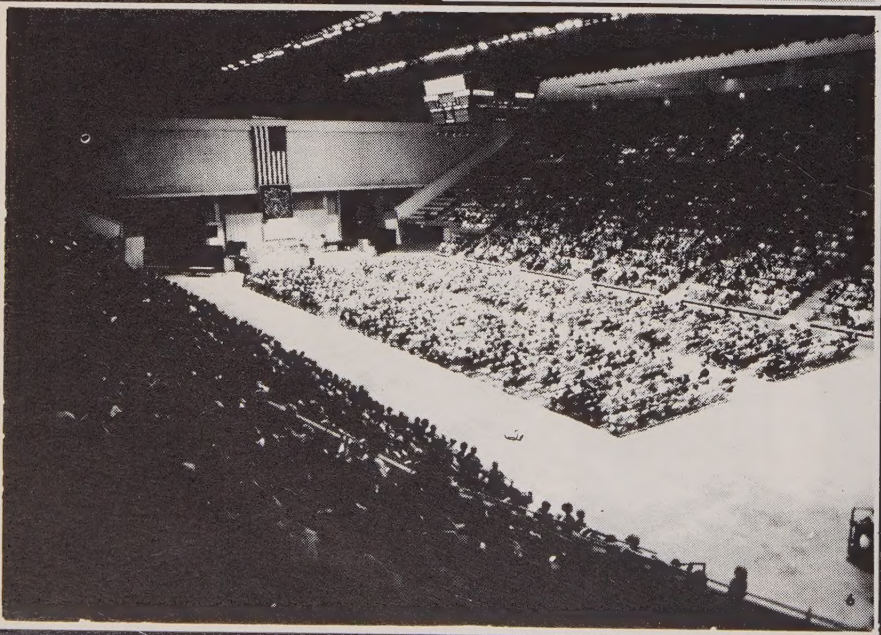
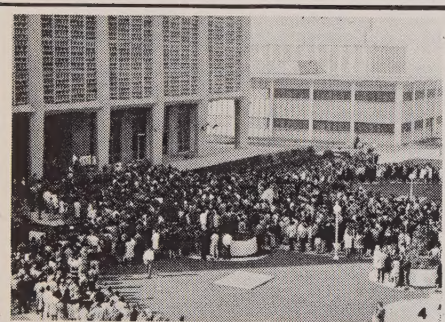




DURING THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS, NOVEMBER 27-28-29 – TEENAGERS FROM THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA & SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICTS MET IN FRESNO, CALIFORNIA FOR A COMBINED C.A. CONVENTION – THE RESULTS ARE NO HISTORY . . . THE PICTURES ON THESE TWO PAGES SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES . . .



# The Now Life

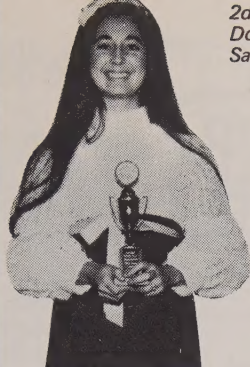


- 1— Lining up for demonstration outside the beautiful Fresno Convention Center
- 2— Thousands of Christ's Ambassadors marched side by side, stretched block after block, through the heart of Fresno.
- 3— Dave Kyllonen of the Couriers in his forceful, challenging of youth to full-time ministry.
- 4— C.A's gathered for an impressive demonstration in the Fresno County Building Plaza.
- 5— Some 4,000 Christ's Ambassadors kneeling in the Fresno Plaza asking God's blessing and guidance upon our nation.
- 6— A portion of the 4,700 people who attended the Friday evening convention rally.
- 7— Every service was marked by an unusual move of the Holy Spirit upon young lives.
- 8— D-Caps Jim Argue & Paul Bruton in conference during a busy convention schedule.
- 9— Everyone loved the inspirational singing, playing and preaching of Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart.
- 10— B.B.C. Ambassadors Choir & Band under the direction of Noel Wilson and Merlin Mitchell.
- 11— Convention Bible Quiz Winners [l-r] Diana & Sheryl Mahl, Doug Duncan [not pictured] Bob Isbell, Mark Mainard, David Brodehl, Captain Stan Helmle.
- 12— The Brotherhood wrote and presented the convention theme song, "The Now Life."





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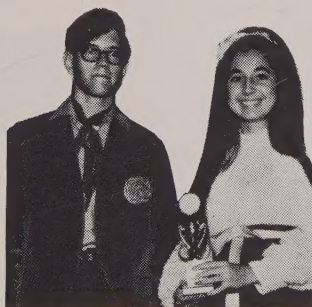
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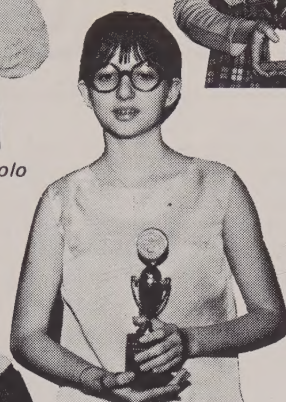
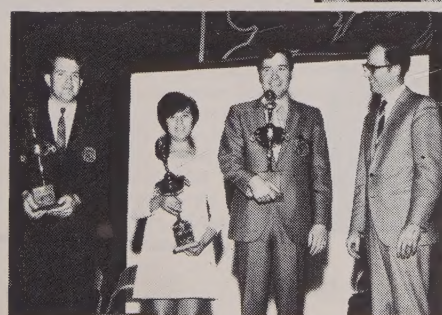
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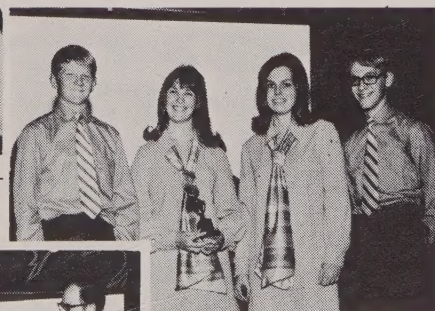
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Minyen, Lora Gabriel, El Sobrante



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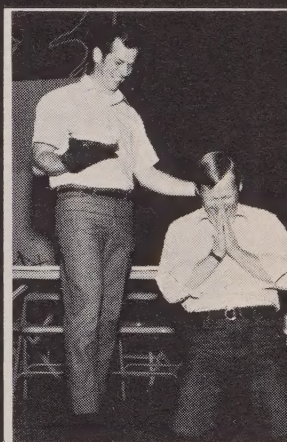
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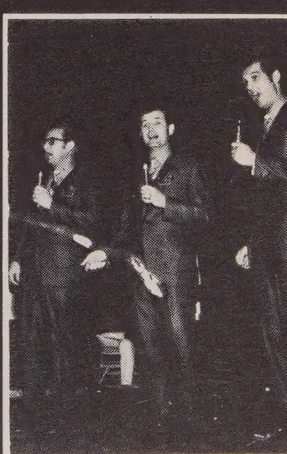
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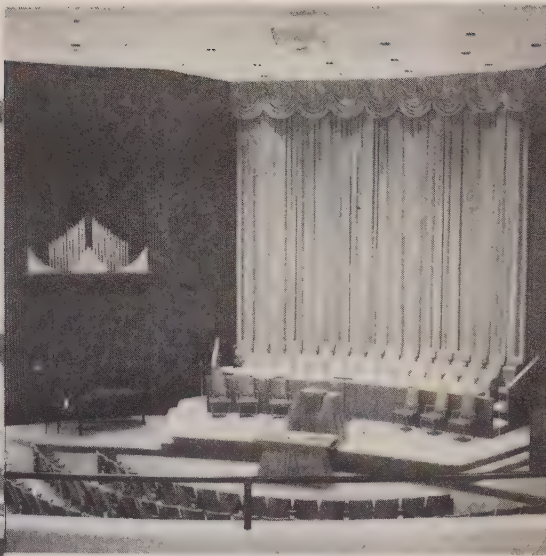
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# TRINITY TEMPLE DEDICATION



Trinity Temple of Las Vegas, Nevada has dedicated a new Sanctuary as part of a master plan developed by architects Moffitt & McDaniel. The Sanctuary is the third building in a complex that will eventually include another educational wing, a gymnasium and a nursing home.

The interior of the new Sanctuary is in gold, antique white and natural

woods, accented by black. The auditorium has a seating capacity of over 900 with deep cushioned opera seats arranged in continental fashion.

Pastor Wilbur Wacker came to Trinity Temple in 1959. At that time the church occupied a building at 116 South Tenth Street. Pastor Wacker had previously held pastorates in Canada, as well as Minne-

sota and Texas. Just prior to coming to Las Vegas, he made a three month tour of the world on behalf of Missions. He was also associated with Billy Graham Evangelistic Association as a representative for Graham in a five-state area. Rev. Wacker is a native of South Dakota; his wife, Shirley's home was Detroit. They make their home with

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## 13th ANNUAL RETREAT— BERCHTESGADEN, GERMANY

Over 500 attended the 13th annual Assemblies of God retreat in Berchtesgaden, Germany, November 3-7. Given the opportunity after each service, men and dependents rushed forward to accept Christ as Saviour and to be filled with the Holy Spirit!



Mrs. Joseph Gerhart, who (with her husband) traveled the greatest distance to attend the retreat, set the pace for daily "Share Time" as she related "how I came to Christ." This feature added a new dimension to the retreat as many shared their personal experiences.

The messages and teaching, anointed by the Holy Spirit, blended together beautifully and challenged retreatants to follow "In His Steps."

Revival fires sparked at the retreat continue to fan out in the servicemen's fellowship groups, bringing men and women to Christ!



Left: Bad Soden, Germany—Following the retreat, the Gerharts enjoyed fellowship in the Fulmer's home, near Frankfurt. Studying a map of Europe are (left to right) Dick, Jean, and Leigh Ann Fulmer; Helen Braxton, servicemen's secretary; and the Gerharts.

Right: RETREAT STAFF [l-r] Chaplain (LTC) Richard Hartman, Kassel, Germany; Chaplain (LTC) Talmadge McNabb, Frankfurt; Mrs. Joe Mazzu, Paris, France; Dick Fulmer, servicemen's representative for Europe and assistant retreat coordinator; Joe Mazzu, morning speaker; T. E. Gannon, assistant general superintendent, Springfield, Mo., retreat master (evening speaker); Chaplain (Maj) Jules Ballas, retreat coordinator, Nuernberg; Ruth Doyle, Bamberg; Chaplain (Capt) Lemuel Boyles, Huntingdon, England; Chaplain (Maj) Richard Wood, Wiesbaden, Germany; Mrs. Roscoe Leach, The Hague, Holland; and Roscoe Leach. (Several staff members were not present for the picture.) Four of the five chaplains in Europe are from Northern Calif.-Nev. District. Since the retreat, Chaplain (Maj) Ardon Schmidt and family arrived for assignment in Wuerzburg, Germany.





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## District S.S. Crusade Results!



The Christian Education Department Executive Committee takes great pleasure in announcing the winner in the first District Sunday School Crusade. They want to commend all of the churches that were involved, and so pleased were they with the results that they have scheduled another crusade for October in 1970.

Determining the grand award was not easy. Two churches were very outstanding—Folsom Calvary with an attendance increase in Sunday School of 167%, and Salinas Calvary for the first place in the other three areas of the contest: outreach, total visits, and contest idea.

The Executive Committee determined that Salinas Calvary should have the grand award, but so outstanding was the work of Folsom that they voted to purchase another Model 66 3M Overhead Projector and present it to Folsom Calvary.

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### CONTEST RESULTS:

ATTENDANCE INCREASE	OUTREACH INCREASE		VISITS	CONTEST IDEA
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#### 0 - 50

Hawthorne	46%
Mt. Shasta	28%
Gardnerville	21%
Watsonville	18%
House of Prayer	



#### PERCENT INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE BY CHURCH SIZE (These figures do not include outreach.)

#### 300 Plus

Fremont First	11%
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#### 100 - 200

50 - 100		Livermore	46%	200 - 300	
Folsom	167%	Salinas Calvary	38%	Tracy First	39%
Empire	41%	Los Banos	34%	Alameda	26%
Dixon	27%	Ukiah	29%	Escalon	18%
Benicia	26%			Morgan Hill	12%



**TEACH DOCTRINE**—From Page 2.  
 moved away took up teaching positions  
 in churches in their locality.

5. Believers acquired a new love  
 for the Word, a new respect for the  
 denomination, and new respect for  
 those who preach and teach the Word.

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 but found such success that it was  
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 from other denominations came to  
 hear our doctrines taught.

In these days when the wind and  
 wave of erroneous teaching fill the  
 air, we need sound doctrinal teaching  
 even more than doctrinal preaching,  
 though the latter must not be left out.

Many fail to go on to receive the  
 baptism in the Holy Spirit, not be-

cause they do not want the experience,  
 but because they do not fully under-  
 stand it. Others hold back from join-  
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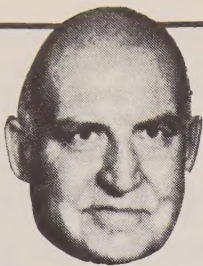
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# the Place of Prophecy in Preaching

BY EVANGELIST HARRY J. STEIL

Part II — Conclusion

## BIBLICAL PROPHETIC PREACHING WILL AVOID THE SPECULATIVE AND THE SENSATIONAL.

It will emphasize the things that are Christ honoring. Many of us can remember the epidemic of so called prophetic preaching inspired alas, by the human spirit, that coursed thru evangelical circles in the years preceding World War II. Instead of holding to the precept given by the Spirit in Rev. 19:10 pointing to and exalting Christ, which, remember, is the "true Spirit of prophecy" the finger of sensationalism was pointed at the prominent and demon possessed human beings who strode across the stage of current history, hailing from Italy or Germany or Arabia or India et. al. All of these false Christs were attracting their scores and hundreds of millions of deluded followers, even as Jesus warned they would. "Many false prophets shall arise and shall deceive many." Matt. 24:11. Dogmatic sermons were preached on the positive identification of the Anti-Christ. The blasphemous statements and sacreligious actions of these Satanic puppets, their seeming restoration and rebuilding of ancient imperial empire were dwelt on at great length. Many books were written by many overzealous preachers, positively identifying Anti-Christ and positively identifying his geographic capital, only to see all of these speculations and fancies of the human spirit, blown higher than the atomic dust caused by Hiroshima's atomic destruction, which catastrophe marked the terminal phase of World War II. The Holy Spirit, the true Spirit of prophecy, warns us against these extremes. Hear Him.

*But you must understand this at the outset, that no prophecy of the Scripture arose from an individual's interpretation of the truth. No prophecy came because a man wanted it to: Men of God spake because they were inspired by the Holy Spirit. 2 Pet. 1:20-21 (Phillips).*

So now the human pendulum swings to the other extreme. The shattering of human speculations, of all our "private interpretations" left folks stunned and prophetically sterile. Now, instead of being sensationally noisy and dogmatically vocal about our human interpretations of prophecy we became super cautious—even silent, about matters prophetic. Most of us left prophecy alone. Our own indiscretions had sealed our lips and stricken us dumb. We elected to drive our gospel chariot on three wheels even tho it sorely needed the prophetic fourth wheel to give it proper balance. The midnight hour engulfed us. The Bridegroom "tarried." We slumbered and slept, prophetically. Matt. 25:5, 6. Again the Holy Spirit uses Peter to warn us against this carnal spirit of prophetic apathy and prophetic negation. Read 2 Peter 3:3-4.

There is something spiritually paralyzing and crippling which happens to the church when Second Advent teaching and prophetic preaching is ignored and negated by silence. We become victims of a dangerous paradox. We believe in the First Advent of Christ, but not His Second Advent (judged by our silence). We consider anyone to be an heretic who negates the First Advent of Christ; yet we deem ourselves to be soundly orthodox and conservative in negating (by our silence)

the preaching of the literal personal coming, the Second Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Let's not forget that the omission of Second Coming preaching in our ministry is an act of negation. "Silence gives consent.") We tend to forget that Holy Scripture contains seven times as many Second Advent prophecies as compared with First Advent promises. An English scholar tells of a pious Scotch layman who loved the Lord's appearing. This layman had recently had the privilege of listening to one of the theological giants of the contemporaneous British pulpit. Upon returning home, his own pastor asked him his opinion of the great theologian. "Ah Pastor," was the reply, "the poor man is a one winged bird." (meaning a cripple—one who could never fly for it takes two wings to fly.) "Why call him a cripple?" asked the Pastor. "Because," came the reply, "he sees and preaches but one Advent, (the First) of our Lord Jesus Christ."

And let us who are Divinely urged to be ready for heavenly flight, "to escape all these things that shall come to pass" (Luke 21:36) let us look well to the pinion feathers of both our wings of faith. He, our Saviour, who came once to save us from our sins is coming again to save us out of this present evil world and to rapture us into His heavenly place and Presence. There is a glorious and inspired joining of the fact of the First and Second Advents of Christ in the closing verses of Hebrews 9:24-28. The inspired Apostle refers to the three "appearings" of Christ.

*"Now, once, in the end of the age (the close of the ages," Weymouth) hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. This is His First Advent. In verse 24 He is pictured as our Great High Priest "now appearing in the presence of God for us." And finally the inspired writer cries "unto them that look for Him ("those who are eagerly expecting Him" Weymouth) shall he appear the SECOND TIME without sin, unto salvation ("to make our salvation complete"—Weymouth).*

Fellow Christians, fellow preachers, may we all note it well. Our very salvation will only be complete at the Second Advent of our Lord. Let us see Christ in His Prophetic Word. Let us point to, and preach, and exalt the Coming Christ of the Prophetic Word. Let us look for the promised, the prophesied Saviour and Bridegroom of the Prophetic Word. This will do something dynamic to our personal lives. And it will do the same for our flocks as we preach to them about the prophesied return of the "Chief Shepherd who shall appear" 1 Pet. 5:4. It will give all of us a glorious burning of the heart, as the Christ of Prophecy talks to us and we to Him about the blessed hope of His return. Like the two Emmaus wayfarers we shall cry out in joy and wonder "Did not our hearts burn within us, while He talked with us by the way and while He opened to us the Scriptures?" Luke 24:32.

*Friends, all the baking soda tablets of Modernism, all the Roloids dispensed by Second Coming "scoffers" cannot steal from us that glorious "Heartburn." Let it burn on and on!*

CONCLUDED



their two daughters, Crystal and Lanny at 1812 East Oakey Boulevard.

The dedicational weekend included services with President Ramsey and the choir of the American Indian Bible Institute on Friday, November 17. Over \$1,000 was given or pledged to the Bible Institute.

On Saturday night a Stewardship Banquet was held with Ralph Wilkerson of Anaheim, California as guest speaker. Over \$90,000 was pledged toward the 1970 church budget.

Dr. Paul Rees, Vice-president-at-large for World Vision was the speaker for Sunday's Dedicational services.

Special music for the dedication service was provided by Baritone Art Perri. Art is a former operatic and "pop" singing star who has dedicated his talent to the ministry. He was discovered by the former manager of Mario Lanza and Lanza's mother, Mrs. Lanza, attended Sunday morning's dedication service at Perri's invitation.

The Sunday morning service, including the dedication ceremony, was a 90 minute telecast. Music for the morning service was provided by Art Perri and the Temple Choir under the direction of Pastor Dan Lawson. The invocation was given by Ruben Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of the Northern California-Nevada District of the Assemblies

of God. Dr. Rees presented the dedicational sermon, and William Vickery, Secretary-Treasurer of the District officiated at the dedication charge to Pastor Wacker and the Church Board.

Temple have opened additional fields of ministry. Jim Wead has been added to the Pastoral staff to work in the fields of Church Communications, Religious Education and Stewardship.

Since the dedication of the new Sanctuary a spirit of expectancy and faith has pervaded each service. God has miraculously intervened in answer to prayer, resulting in healings and the unsaved turning to Christ.

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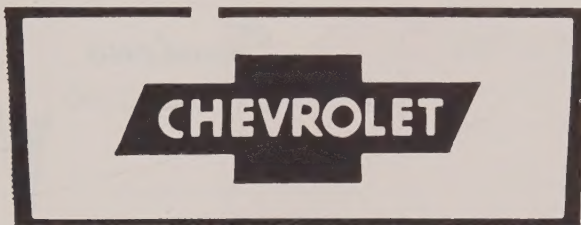
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